

The Phoenix Symphony Chorus Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting: January 8, 2017
Host: Ivylyn Scott

Attendees: Joel Auernheimer, Marilou Baxter, Tom Bookhout, Erin Entringer, Wendy Gould, Lynn Jech, Katie Jones, David Kahrs, Huntington Keith, Jane Kniffen, Brian Matas, Susie Phillips, Lisa Rolland-Keith, Dan Russ, Ivylyn Scott, Lynne Traverse, Diane Van Dyke, Stephanie Seigla, Christine Young, Malia Arguello, Symphony Representative

Wendy Gould called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Concerts:

Chichester concert, week of Jan. 16. Dress with Tito is on Mon. 1/16 (note: is MLK Day). Orchestra rehearsals currently on Wed. & Thu. Tom has asked whether we are needed for both days.

Wed. rehearsal: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Thu. rehearsal: 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Fri. concert call time: 6:30 p.m.

Tom to comment on attendance in rehearsal on Monday.

We are in the second half of the concert, last on the program. Will this affect our call times? Malia to check with Tito. Could also affect Prescott bus times. Wendy and Malia to communicate. Malia also working on exact numbers for the concert.

→ Send survey to chorus members to confirm Prescott availability.

Mozart concert, week of Mar. 20

6:30 p.m. rehearsals on Wed. and Thu.

Fri. and Sat. concerts

Are we also on the schedule for coffee classics? Need to confirm.

Beethoven concert, following week

Sat. dress rehearsal

Sat. evening and Sun. afternoon concerts

Library report: Diane

Pops and Messiah pieces all in to Diane by Christmas Eve. Yay!

Everything is ready to pass out when the Bernstein concert is over; just waiting on 12-14 more copies of Mozart, which are coming in.

Editions are on the TPSC website under Resources. Section leaders should remind singers about the URL and password for the new site.

Diane also has Poulanc ready for Vienna. Lynne will send her the official roster for the trip.

Treasury report: Lynne

Balance \$6,347.

Social report: Wendy

Christine to send out concert events soon.

David Kahrs is volunteering to take photos of the chorus during concerts or rehearsals. With symphony coordination, would be unobtrusive, and depending on staging (i.e., assuming orchestra members won't be in line of sight), the chorus could dress up for a dress rehearsal to get photos.

Tom: Photography fine in rehearsals or at Prescott concerts, but the bus back from Prescott is OFF LIMITS ☺

Wendy and David to discuss more and coordinate.

Chorus master report: Tom

Rehearings. Want to make a concerted effort this year, as it has been a while. We struggle with the size of the group, but then get reports of erratic attendance. Again, there were talented people who were turned away last fall.

Could do rehearsals as an ongoing feature of rehearsals: do a few each week in order to get through everyone. Would help Tom determine voicing, rosters, etc.

Logistics undecided at this time.

Rehearsal schedule after TPS ends. Regular Monday night rehearsals will continue. We will probably split those nights between Vienna and Poland music. Mostly will work on Telemann, unaccompanied pieces, getting the Poulanc back.

Non-Vienna people don't need to come. Need clarification on whether Larry still would come. Will find out whether we'll need to pay him – is he contract or salaried.

Need to order the unaccompanied music or borrow from churches.

Has there been clarification on Mozart Requiem vs. Coronation Mass? No, not yet.

Will need clarification on groundrules, e.g. how many rehearsals people can miss. Tom suggests we have more rehearsals planned than we will need; should be ok.

Will need some reorganization of leadership, too, as some section reps are not going.

Vienna Committee report: Brian and Lynne

First deposit was non refundable. Since then, 6 people have canceled their trip plans are looking for replacements. One person has taken one of these spots.

Committee has discussed how to apportion reimbursements and have decided to split them equally between the people who lost their deposits. Council agrees.

The drop dead final deadline for people to join is in March. We have those extra spots reserved from cancellations, so can still add people.

Lynne has been handling deposits
Paula is handling roommate arrangements

→Poland roommate survey to come

We have one free land package, which is a credit against the account.
(The NY surplus was because of a similar credit.)
Need to determine how it works with this tour company and how to apply it.

The Vienna Committee will be bugging people now: Poland and Vienna next payments are very close to each other. Will be sending weekly reminders: payees, payments, deadlines.

Clarification on roommate surveys – do both roommates need to fill it out? Generally a good idea; can't hurt, may help to confirm.

Next year's council

Start nudging people who would be a good fit. Hold elections in February, before Mozart/Beethoven/end of TPS season. Old and new councils will meet (probably May) to hand off duties, then new council meets in Sept.

Openings:

Section reps: SATB (one each)

VP

Social Chairs (two)

a 4th Librarian (encouraged to be stable over time, but they could use help)

Announce soon that we're looking for people.

Do we know anything about next year's schedule? Tom has queried Jeff and Tito, no answer yet. Usually announced in Feb.

Next meeting will be **Saturday, Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. at Katie's house.**

The March meeting will be Sunday, Mar. 12 at Lynne's.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Jones
Secretary